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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 14: ADOPTION OF A POLITICAL DECLARATION AND A GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION (A/S-17/AC.1/L.1 and L.2)

AGENDA ITEM 15: FOLLOW-UP MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION (A/S-17/AC.1/L.2)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to document A/S-17/AC.1/L.2, which had been prepared by the Bureau - composed of the delegations of Austria, Malaysia, Peru, Togo and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic - after extensive consultations with many other delegations, representing not only all regions but also all interests, those of producer, transit and industrialized countries. The result was a compromise text which represented a delicate balance and could serve as the basis for reaching a consensus. While there were undeniably very specific elements, of great importance to the countries mentioned, it would be regrettable if the Committee failed to reach consensus on the final documents of the special session; the latter had been convened at a high political level and was intended to send a political message to the international community in the struggle against drugs.

Paragraph 1

2. Mr. ERNER (Turkey) proposed the words "international solidarity and" should be inserted after "therefore" in the fourth line of paragraph 1.

3. Mr. LESTELLE (Argentina) proposed that the phrase "insufficient controls over or monitoring of chemical precursors and monitoring of the economic benefits of drug trafficking" should be added after "psychotropic substances" in the third line of paragraph 1.

4. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that although his delegation did not object, in principle to the Argentine proposal, it would prefer to stick to the terminology of the Convention; the latter did not use the word "precursors".

5. The CHAIRMAN asked the representative of Argentina to bring his proposal into line with the terminology used in the Convention.

Paragraph 2

6. Mr. ERNER (Turkey) said that the words "and of that Convention as amended ..." should be added in the third line, after "of 1961". That should also be done in paragraphs 47 and 48.

Paragraph 7

7. Mr. ETUKET (Uganda) proposed that the words "to accord" in the second line of paragraph 7 should be replaced by "to consider according". The phrase "as well as future medium-term plans and biennial budgets" in the ninth line should be deleted.

8. Mr. HART (Australia) said that it was difficult for his delegation to accept those proposals, because paragraph 7 took into account various interests and points of view concerning resources. The introduction of amendments would result in an even further decrease in the allocation of resources.

9. Mr. MORA GODOY (Cuba) noted that paragraph 7 spoke of according a higher priority to a specific United Nations programme; that did not appear to be in conformity with existing budgetary and programming regulations, as other United Nations programmes would be affected.

10. The CHAIRMAN said that the allocation of resources would be considered by the Fifth Committee.

11. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) proposed that the words "other resources" in the third line of paragraph 7 should be replaced by the words "other additional resources".

12. Mr. ETUKET (Uganda) said that it was not the Committee's task to set priorities but rather to provide the necessary political orientation in order for the competent bodies to consider the question on a priority basis, as the General Assembly would no doubt do in the context of its consideration of the draft medium-term plan.

13. The CHAIRMAN proposed that informal consultations should be held in order to arrive at a compromise text for paragraph 7.

Paragraph 9

14. Mr. ITO (Japan) said that, since the document under consideration was not legally binding, in the English version, the verb "shall" in paragraph 9 and other paragraphs should be replaced by "should". The other language versions should be amended accordingly.

15. Mr. ROBINSON (Jamaica) and Mr. HONG (Singapore) said that it would be preferable not to make those amendments.

Paragraph 11

16. Mr. KHONJE (Malawi) proposed that the word "illicit" in paragraph 11 should be deleted.

Paragraph 12

17. Miss VERLEZZA (Venezuela) proposed that in the Spanish text the word "reunión" in paragraph 12 should be replaced by the word "recopilación".

18. Mr. ERNER (Turkey) proposed that the expression "demand reduction", in the second line of paragraph 12, should be replaced by "reduction of illicit demand" and that, where necessary, similar amendments should be made to other paragraphs.

19. Mr. LESTELLE (Argentina) said that it would be preferable to retain the original text without amendments.

20. Mr. ERNER (Turkey) pointed out that Turkey was among the drug-producing countries, and that the difference between demand and illicit demand must be established for the objective was to reduce illicit demand.

21. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Rapporteur should make the necessary amendments to the document.

Paragraphs 15 and 16

22. Mr. MORAN (Canada) proposed that in the sixth and the seventh lines of paragraph 15, the words "all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations" should be changed to "all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council".

23. The CHAIRMAN proposed that the phrase "States and regional intergovernmental organizations" in paragraph 16 should consequently be changed to "States, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council".

Paragraph 17

24. Mr. KHONJE (Malawi) asked whether the questions set forth in paragraph 17 were not already embodied in the 1988 Convention.

25. The CHAIRMAN said that there were differences. The Vienna Convention referred specifically to illicit trafficking, while paragraph 17 referred to the feasibility of an international instrument which, unlike a Convention, might not be legally binding.

26. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that in the fourth line of paragraph 17, the phrase "an international instrument that would deal with the reduction of the illicit demand for drugs and that would provide, inter alia, ..." should be changed to "an international instrument that would deal, inter alia, with the reduction of the illicit demand for drugs and that would provide comprehensive and specific measures ...".

27. Mr. MACEDO SOARES GUIMARAES (Brazil) said that the Soviet Union's proposal implied a substantive change in the concept of the planned international instrument, since the objective of that instrument was to reduce the illicit demand for drugs.

28. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that, in the wording of paragraph 17, the positions of all countries had been taken into account, and suggested that the text should remain unchanged.

29. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, although he did not understand why Brazil opposed the amendment, he was prepared to accept that only the sixth line of the paragraph would be changed so that the text would read: "an international instrument that would deal specially with the reduction of the ... and that would provide, inter alia, ...".

Paragraph 18

30. Mr. CHEN Yuchu (China) suggested that, in the fifth line of paragraph 18, the words "for reference, if requested," should be inserted after the words "shall be submitted to States".

31. Mr. LEVITSKY (United States of America) proposed that, in the second sentence of paragraph 22, the word "developing" should be deleted so that the expertise being made available should benefit all countries, not only the developing countries.

32. Mr. MALAGA (Peru) said that he would prefer the text to read "... all countries, in particular the developing countries ...".

33. Mr. CHEN Yuchu (China) proposed that, in the first line of paragraph 22, the words ", to the extent possible and necessary," should be inserted after the word "included".

34. Mrs. WARZAZI (Morocco) said that she agreed to the insertion of the words "to the extent possible" but not to the rest of the amendment since, in her opinion, there was a real necessity.

35. Mr. CHEN Yuchu (China) said that he was prepared to alter his amendment in the manner proposed by the representative of Morocco.

Paragraph 23

36. Mr. SINGER (German Democratic Republic) proposed that the first line of paragraph 23 should be amended to read "Information on the rational prescription and use of pharmaceutical prescriptions containing narcotic drugs and ...".

37. Mr. IDANPAAN-HEIKKILA (Finland) proposed that, in the first line of paragraph 23 and the last line of paragraph 24 of the English text, the word "prescription" should be replaced by the word "prescribing".

38. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), supported by Mr. IDANPAAN-HEIKKILA (Finland), said that, in his opinion, in paragraph 23 it was not sufficient to refer only to pharmaceutical prescriptions containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. He proposed that the text should read "Information on the rational prescription and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and pharmaceutical prescriptions containing them".

39. Mr. YBAÑEZ (Spain) requested that the Spanish text of paragraph 23 should be made clearer.

40. Mr. LESTELLE (Argentina) said, in explanation, that the word receten in the Spanish text of paragraph 23 referred to any kind of pharmaceutical dispensation, and, therefore, covered the suggestion made by the representative of the Soviet Union.

Paragraph 26

41. Mr. ROBINSON (Jamaica) said that, in paragraph 26, it would be necessary to provide for the use of community programmes and the participation of the community, and he proposed that, in the second line, the words "and the participation of communities" should be inserted after the word "support".

Paragraph 27

42. Mr. ITO (Japan) proposed that, in order to take account of the relations which existed among the various Governments and non-governmental organizations, as well as to maintain coherence with the text of paragraph 37, paragraph 27 should start with the words "States shall, as appropriate, promote ...".

Paragraph 28

43. Mr. KHONGE (Malawi) said that the text of paragraph 28 should be made more precise; he proposed that, in the second line, the word "drugs" should be replaced by the words "narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances".

Paragraph 29

44. Mr. AL-JARBHA (Saudi Arabia) requested that the Arabic text of paragraph 29 should be made to conform with the English text.

B. Treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers and drug-addicted offenders

45. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the title of Section B should refer to drug abusers in general and not only to drug-addicted offenders. There were persons who abused drugs without being drug addicts in the strict sense of the word, and they could not be considered offenders. He therefore proposed that the heading should be "Treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers, drug addicts and, inter alia, drug-addicted offenders".

46. Mr. LESTELLE (Argentina), supported by Mr. VAN ITERSON (Netherlands), said that, while he understood the reasoning of the representative of the Soviet Union, the proposed amendment gave rise to confusion in so far as "drug abuser" and "drug addict" meant the same thing. Since subsequent paragraphs referred to the rehabilitation and the social reintegration of drug abusers, he proposed that the heading should read "Treatment, rehabilitation and social reintegration of drug abusers".

Paragraph 30

47. Mr. CHEN Yuchu (China) proposed that, in the third line of paragraph 30, the words "in conformity with national laws and regulations and" should be inserted after the words "shall be".

Paragraph 31

48. MR. MORAN (Canada) proposed that, in paragraph 31, reference should also be made to ILO.

Paragraphs 38 and 39

49. Mr. LEVITSKY (United States of America), supported by Mr. IDANPAAN-HEIKKILA (Finland), requested that consideration of paragraphs 38 and 39 should be postponed so that consultations could be held.

Paragraph 40

50. Mr. BAYER (Hungary) suggested that the subheading "Licit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" should be amended, since licit production was only one aspect of licit supply. He therefore proposed that it should read "Licit production, manufacture and supply of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances". Likewise, he proposed that paragraph 40 should be amended by the insertion, in the first line, after the words "raw materials", the words ", intermediate and final products".

Paragraph 44

51. Mr. MORA GODOY (Cuba) proposed that, in the third and fourth lines of paragraph 44, the words "shall be encouraged to undertake" should be replaced by "should consider the possibility of undertaking".

Paragraph 45

52. Mr. ITO (Japan) proposed that in the first line of paragraph 45 the word "including" should be replaced by the words "such as".

53. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the expression "precursor chemicals" gave rise to a terminological problem, and it would be preferable to refer to "substances required for the manufacture".

Paragraph 46

54. Mr. MACEDO SOARES GUIMARAES (Brazil) suggested that the phrase "to which manufacture and distribution enterprises might be invited" should be deleted from paragraph 46 and that the following sentence should be added at the end of the paragraph: "It is desirable that States include representatives of manufacture and distribution enterprises in their delegations to the said conference".

Paragraph 46 bis

55. Mr. BAYER (Hungary), supported by Mr. IDANPAAN-HEIKKILA (Finland), proposed the addition of a new paragraph 46 bis reading:

> "The World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board, should assist national drug regulatory authorities in developing and strengthening their pharmaceutical administrations and control laboratories in order to enable them to control pharmaceutical preparations containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances."

That paragraph was already set out in document A/S-17/3 (p. 28).

Paragraph 48

56. Mr. HUYGHE (International Narcotics Control Board) said that the Board played an important role not only in connection with the instruments referred to in paragraph 48 but also in connection with the Convention of 1988, particularly article 12. The Board therefore proposed that the word "and" following the word "Protocol" should be deleted from paragraph 48 and the phrase "and the Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988" should be added at the end of the paragraph.

57. Mr. MACEDO SOARES GUIMARAES (Brazil) proposed that in paragraph 48 the words "shall be invited" should be replaced by the words "is invited".

D. Suppression of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

58. Mr. BROWNING (United States of America) proposed that after the title of section D, "Suppression of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances", the phrase "To facilitate effective enforcement action by dismantling major drug trafficking organizations and suppressing illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" should be added as a subheading.

59. In response to Mr. PAYE (Senegal), who said that the addition proposed by the United States dealt only with means and disregarded the end, which was the elimination of trafficking, Mr. BROWNING (United States of America) said that the wording he had proposed would not replace the title of section D but, rather, the title of subsection 1, and would serve as an introduction to clarify precisely what the United Nations intended to do under that section.

Paragraph 52

60. Mr. ITO (Japan) proposed that in the first line of the paragraph the words "and where" should be added after the words "to the extent".

Paragraph 53 bis

61. Mr. IDANPAAN-HEIKKILA (Finland) proposed that a new paragraph should be inserted between paragraphs 53 and 54, reading: "States that have not yet done so shall ratify the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs and that Convention, as amended by the 1972 Protocol and the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances".

62. Mr. NASSAR (Egypt) said that he agreed in principle with the Finnish proposal but reserved the right to raise the issue once again, according to the instructions he received.

63. Mr. ERNER (Turkey) proposed that in the new paragraph put forward by Finland the words "shall ratify" should be replaced by the words "shall consider ratification of".

64. Mr. SINGER (German Democratic Republic), referring to the Turkish amendment, suggested that the words "or accession to" should be added.

Paragraph 54

65. Mr. MACEDO SOARES GUIMARAES (Brazil) suggested two amendments to paragraph 54. Firstly, the words "an analysis should be undertaken" should be replaced by the words "States should undertake an analysis". Secondly, the words "and systems should be developed for monitoring them" should be replaced by the words "and should monitor them in their respective territories".

66. Mr. FERRARIN (Italy) said that he wondered whether the change proposed by Brazil disregarded the problem of the international dimension of the routes used for illicit transit traffic in drugs, since the analyses in question would be confined to the territory of a single State. He wished to propose that the following words should be added at the end of the paragraph: "States shall consider appropriate information-sharing in this respect on a bilateral or regional basis".

67. Mr. MORAN (Canada), referring to the proposal just made by Italy, suggested that the words "or multilateral" should be added.

Paragraph 55

68. Mr. MORA GODOY (Cuba) proposed that the words "in their territories" should be inserted in the second line, following the word "check-points" and that the words "in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and international law" should be added.

69. Mr. DZJUBENKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that in the first and second lines of the paragraph the words "establishing joint border inspection check-points" should be replaced by the words "jointly establishing border inspection check-points". Although he did not object to the Cuban proposal, he would appreciate clarification of the meaning of the words "in their territories".

70. MR. BROWNING (United States of America) said that he shared the concern expressed by the representative of the Soviet Union. He supported the changes proposed because they strengthened the paragraph, but he had difficulties with the idea of establishing joint customs check-points in the territory of a country.

71. Mr. BHATNAGAR (India) said that if the words "in their territories" were added the word "jointly" would be inappropriate. Moreover, in addition to the customs authorities there were other organizations that were engaged in combating illicit traffic in drugs.

72. Mr. MORA GODOY (Cuba) said that he took a particular interest in that paragraph and wished to request that consultations should be held in order to seek wording acceptable to all.

Paragraph 56

73. Mr. MACEDO SOARES GUIMARAES (Brazil) proposed that the words "the parties involved in" should be deleted from the fifth line of paragraph 56.

Paragraph 58

74. Mrs. POUCHEREAU (France), supported by Mr. FERRARIN (Italy), proposed that the words "in collaboration with the Customs Co-operation Council and INTERPOL, in support of regional and bilateral programmes" should be deleted from paragraph 58.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.